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Retailers' Occupation Tax Exemption Ends for Vehicles Sold to be Rented for One Year or Less

All Businesses that file Form ST-556, Sales Tax Transaction Return

Beginning with vehicles delivered on or after September 1, 2007, Public Act 95-233 eliminates the exemption under the Retailers' Occupation Tax for vehicles sold to be rented for a period of one year or less.

At this time, purchasers are still exempt from Use Tax when they make this type of purchase.

How does this change affect vehicle retailers?

- Retailers may no longer mark Exemption 5E, sold for rental use, on Form ST-556.
- Retailers are liable for Retailers' Occupation Tax on the selling price of the vehicle.

 Retailers are not authorized to collect tax from the purchaser but may seek reimbursement from the purchaser for their Retailers' Occupation Tax liability. To do so, the retailer must separately state this amount as "reimbursement" on the invoice or other purchase contract.

Does this change affect the ART return filed by rentors?

No. There is no change to the way rentors are required to report on Form ART-1, Automobile Renting Occupation and Use Tax Return.